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RICK PERRY
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July 7, 2011

Mrs. Deirdre H. Delisi
Chairwoman
Texas Transportation Commission
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear Chairwoman Delisi:

Texas livestock producers are experiencing forage and hay shortages due to exceptional drought and continued severe wildfire activity. To facilitate the transportation and to ensure that state regulation is not an unnecessary barrier to the emergency transport of hay, and in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 418.016, I hereby direct you to suspend the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for cylindrical (round) hay bales, and associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay.

To ensure the safety of the traveling public, please require carriers transporting loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division at (512) 465-3592, during regular business hours to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance and safety, remain in place. Unless otherwise extended, this waiver expires at midnight, August 4, 2011.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is stylized with a large, cursive "R" and "P".

Rick Perry
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Todd Staples, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture
Mr. Allan B. Polunsky, Chairman, Texas Public Safety Commission

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